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HUDGENS OFFERS REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON FIRES AT A RICHMOND COUNTY CHURCH

Atlanta – After three separate fires this week at an abandoned church in Richmond County, Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information.

“We are asking that anyone with information about these fires to please call the Georgia Arson Hotline at 1-800-282-5804,” Hudgens said. “We want to remind everyone that any information, no matter how insignificant it may seem, could be important.”

The fires, which occurred once on Wednesday and twice on Thursday at 128 Marks Church Road in Augusta, destroyed the building. The exact cause of the fires has not been determined and is still under investigation by the Augusta Fire Department.

Commissioner Hudgens is asking anyone with information about these fires to call the Arson Hotline at **1-800-282-5804**. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an arsonist. Calls are taken 24 hours a day; callers can choose to remain anonymous. The Commissioner’s Office and the Georgia Arson Control Board, Inc., sponsor the Georgia Arson Control Reward Program and the hotline.

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